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As a preliminary step to the LMC renovation, students using the library media center during study hall blocks were asked to complete 5 question survey. The sampling occurred between September 23rd and September 27th.

The survey could have been better designed with multiple choice answers. Some students wrote more than 1 answer per question.

The questions and answers are written below. My overall opinion about each question is at the end.

**Library Media Center Survey**

We are trying to change the library media center and would like you input. Thanks for answering these questions honestly.

1. **Do you have access to an internet computer at home?**

Yes 128

No 7

Sometimes 5

1. **Why do you use the library media center?**

HW 53

Use computers 35

Quiet 24

Research 19

Typing 17

Use printer 10

Get books 7

Projects 6

Online Science book 5

Get out of study hall 4

Read 2

No Internet at home 1

Varies 1

Better atmosphere 1

Study hall too loud 1

Avoid B lunch 1

Talk to my friends 1

Group study 1

1. **What kinds of technology do you think BHS should buy?**

Smartboards 28

Laptops 17

More computers 14

MACs 10

Scanner 8

Colored printers 7

Windows 7 2

Better computers 6

What we have is ok 6 (but classes should use labs 1)

LCD projectors 4

Online book checkout 3

Personal laptops for students 2

Elmos 2

Wireless 2

Headphones 2

Coffee pot 1

Flash drives 1

Disc burners 1

Bigger TVs for classrooms 1

iPads 1

Textbooks 1 ( barely have any books that aren’t online and the online

books don’t work for me.)

Adobe Illustrator 10.0 1

Ebooks 1

Read aloud technology 1

1. **How many computers do you think the library should have?**

More than what we have now 13

Keep the same 19

20:5

20-30; 2

20-40: 1

25: 1

30: 7

30-35: 9

30-40: 8

35:5

30-50:2

25-50:1

40: 13

44: 1

45: 3

50: 21

100: 1

150: 1

“50 so there will be enough when there is a class”

“enough for 2 classes”

1. **How should the library media center change over the next couple of years?**

more computers 16

get more books 10

stay the same 10

less serious about rules 7

increase number of passes from study hall 6

more room/bigger 6

update computers 5

comfortable reading/lounge area 5

These had 3 or less votes each:

Smartboard

Allow Facebook/You Tube

Update reference books

More technology

Online book catalog

Allow to play games

Allow to talk and sit with friends

Better printers and copiers

Wii fit

More tables

Use iPads

Wireless

Post schedule of classes outside door

Keep updating computers

Vending machines

Be quieter

Modernize

More carrels

Group area to work

More librarians

Copy machines

Videos

Update books

Have clubs meet at tables during study

Allow cell phones/ipods

Scanners near computers to swipe id cards

Make it like a café

No passes - free access whenever

“should only be for people with work and not classes. There are 3 labs

upstairs and hard to get work done”

“I liked it better last year”

“There should be another computer lab so that students in study halls

can use the media center computers and not be taken over by classes”

Observations about each question:

1. About 90% of students answered that they had a computer with internet access at home.
2. Most students responded that they use the LMC to get some kind of work done: complete homework and/or use the computers
3. Smartboards and computers (laptops, MACs and “better”) are what they think BHS should buy.
4. Students feel we should have between 40 and 50 computers.
5. In the future, they want more computers, a better space, and updated resources.